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STATEMENT FROM REPRESENTATIVE MARK FINCHEM

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX (Tuesday, March 29, 2016) – “During today’s House Elections Committee, Special Hearing, Chairwoman Michelle Ugenti-Rita saw to it that Maricopa County voters had an opportunity to share their concerns and suggestions in response to the failures of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Maricopa County Recorder to protect individual’s right to vote and guarantee a safe voting experience.

Across the board, testimony before The House Elections Committee and feedback we are receiving from constituents makes one thing clear; this was a Maricopa County issue, and contrary to those who say the Legislature has no business in local governance, this situation demonstrates clearly why the Legislature does have a role in securing individual freedoms for everyone in the State. From small business owners to individual voters, the House of Representatives is the People’s guardian.

Rep. Kelly Townsend called for a substantive audit of the process. Supervisor Steve Gallardo originally voted for the plan as did other Maricopa County Supervisors.

We are grateful to Rep. Ugenti-Rita for providing the People with an opportunity to be heard and hope that today’s input will serve to inform election officials on both the county and state level to ensure that this situation never arises again.”

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